

FIG. 1

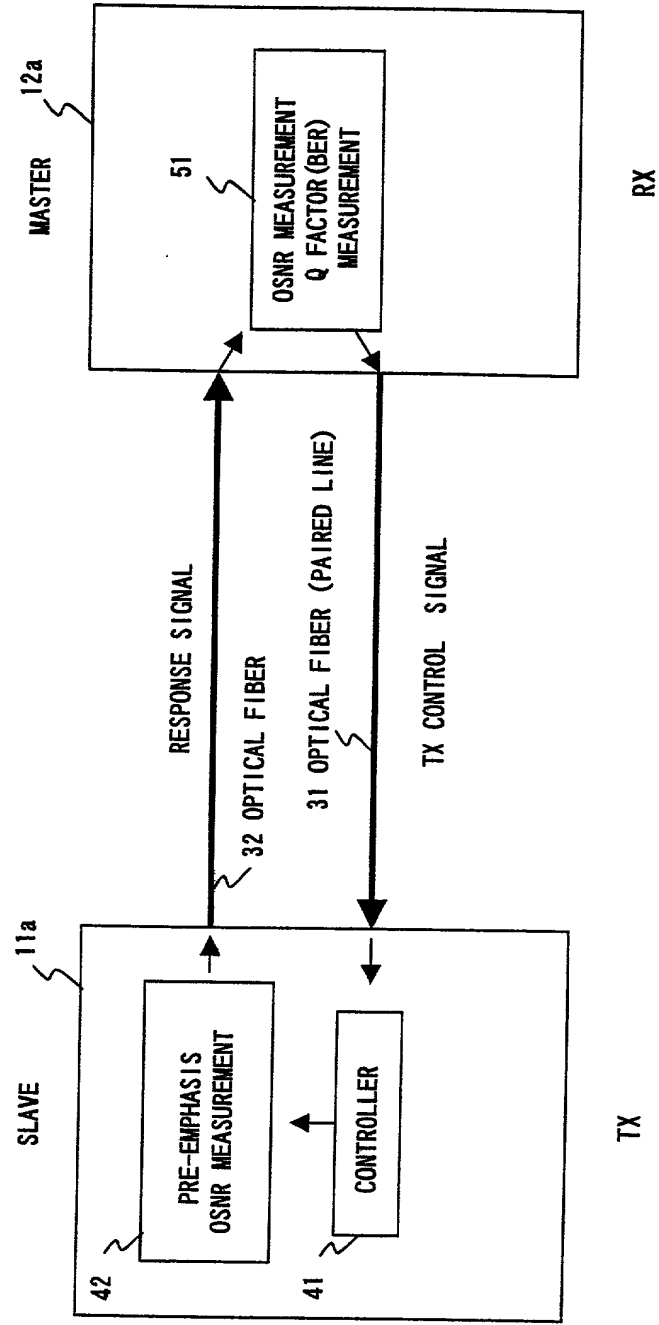


FIG. 2

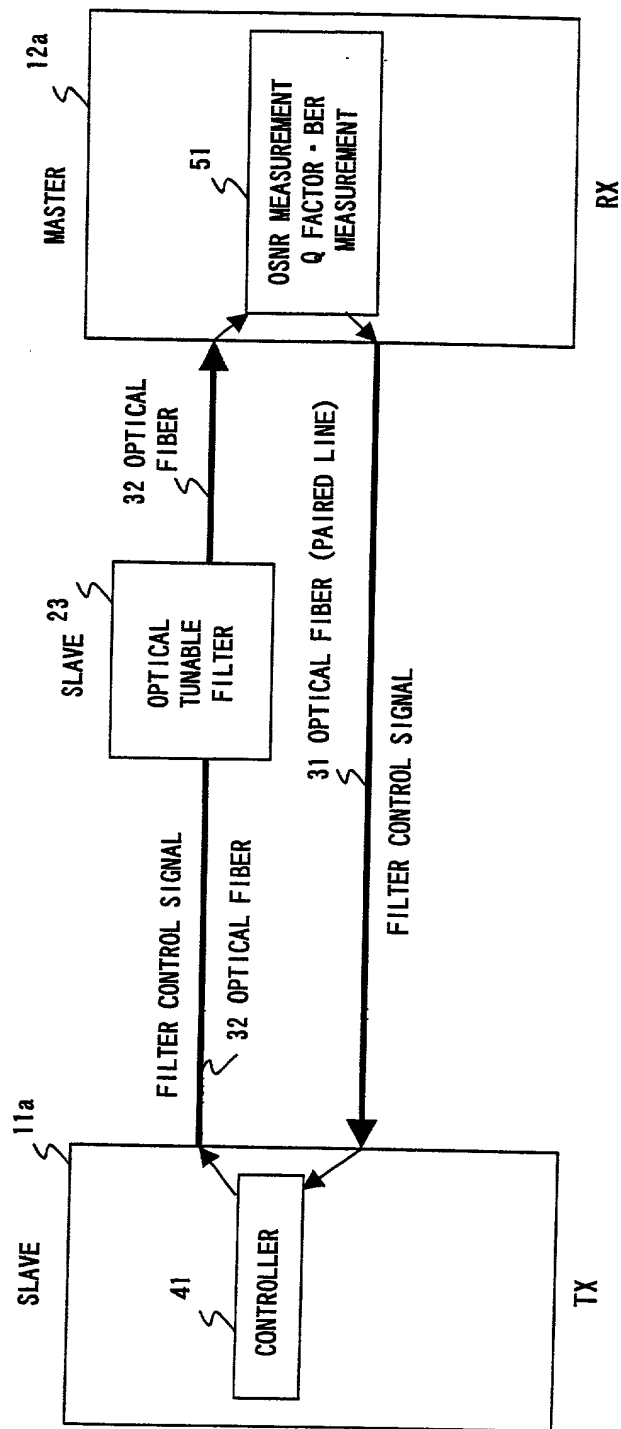


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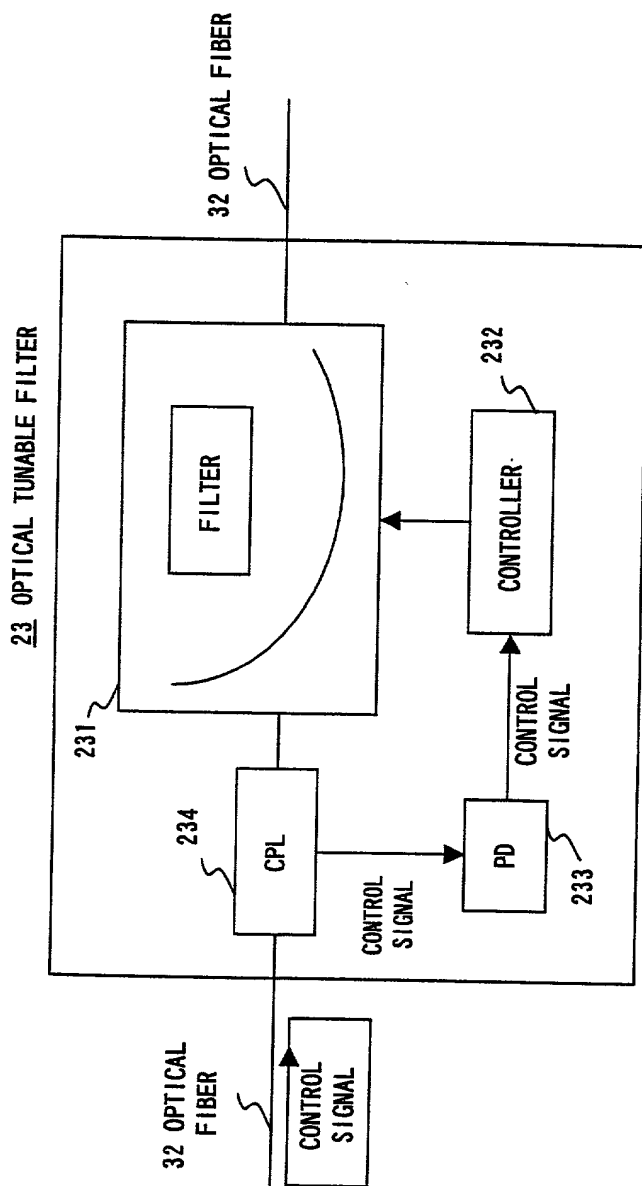


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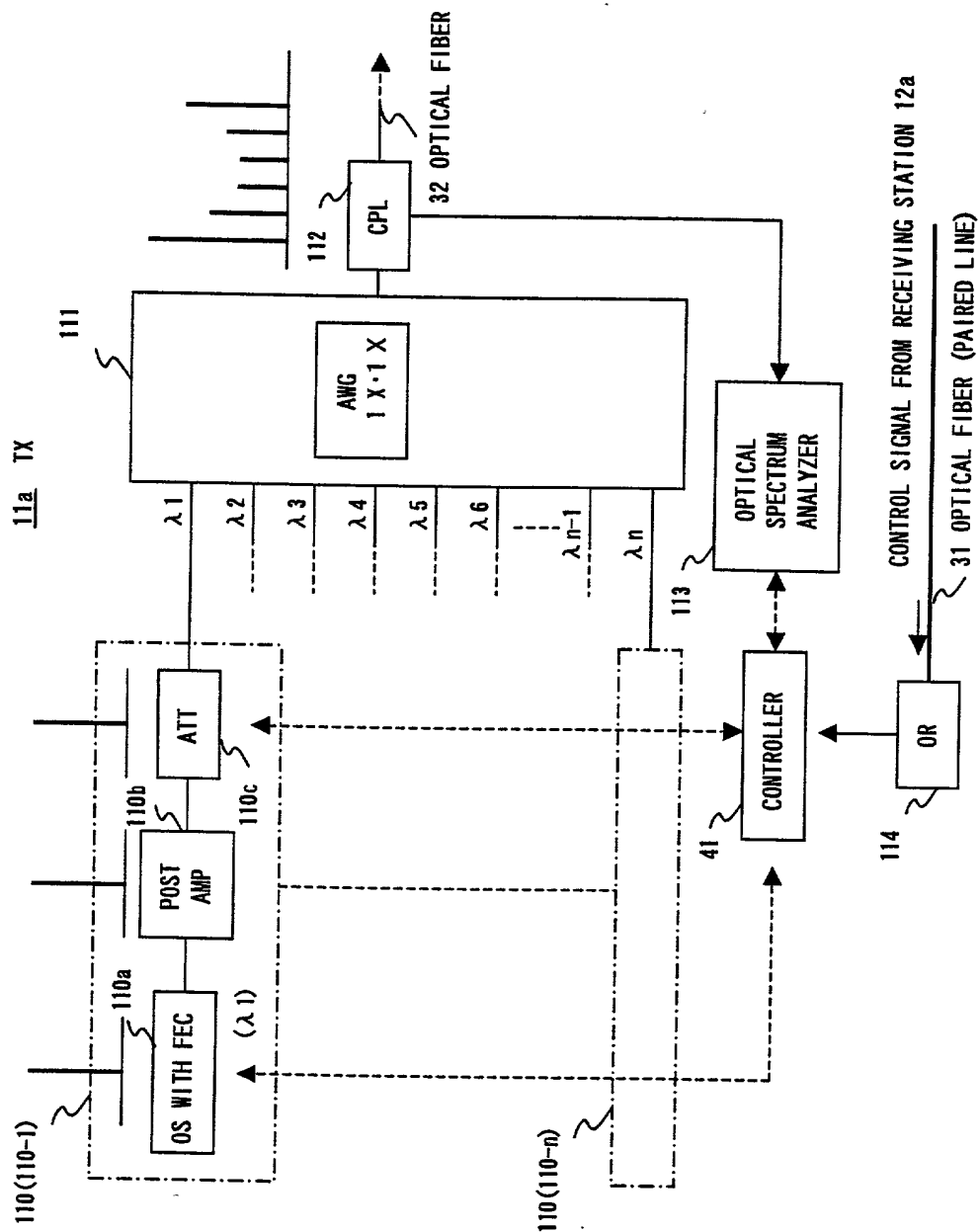


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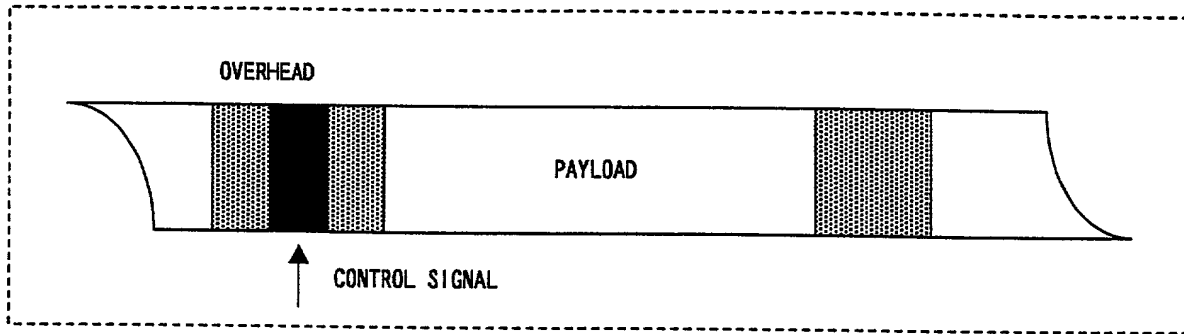


FIG. 7A

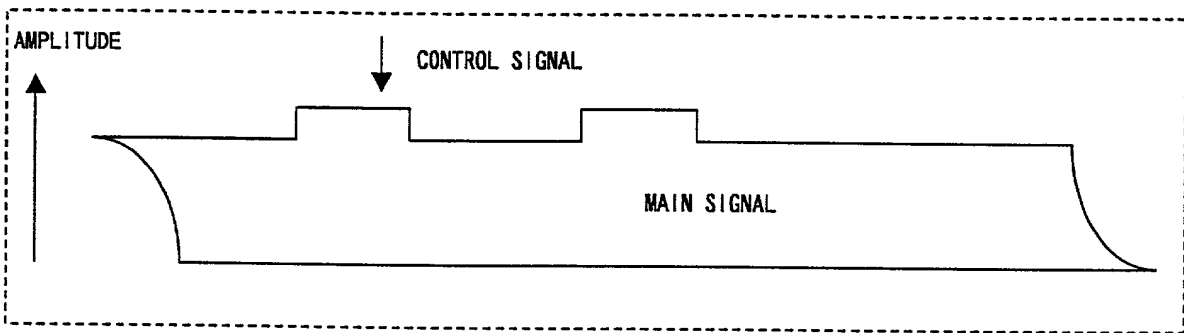


FIG. 7B

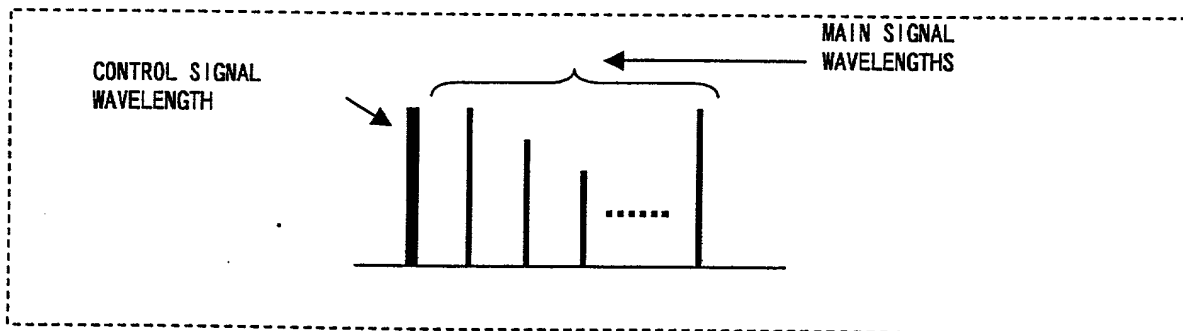


FIG. 7C

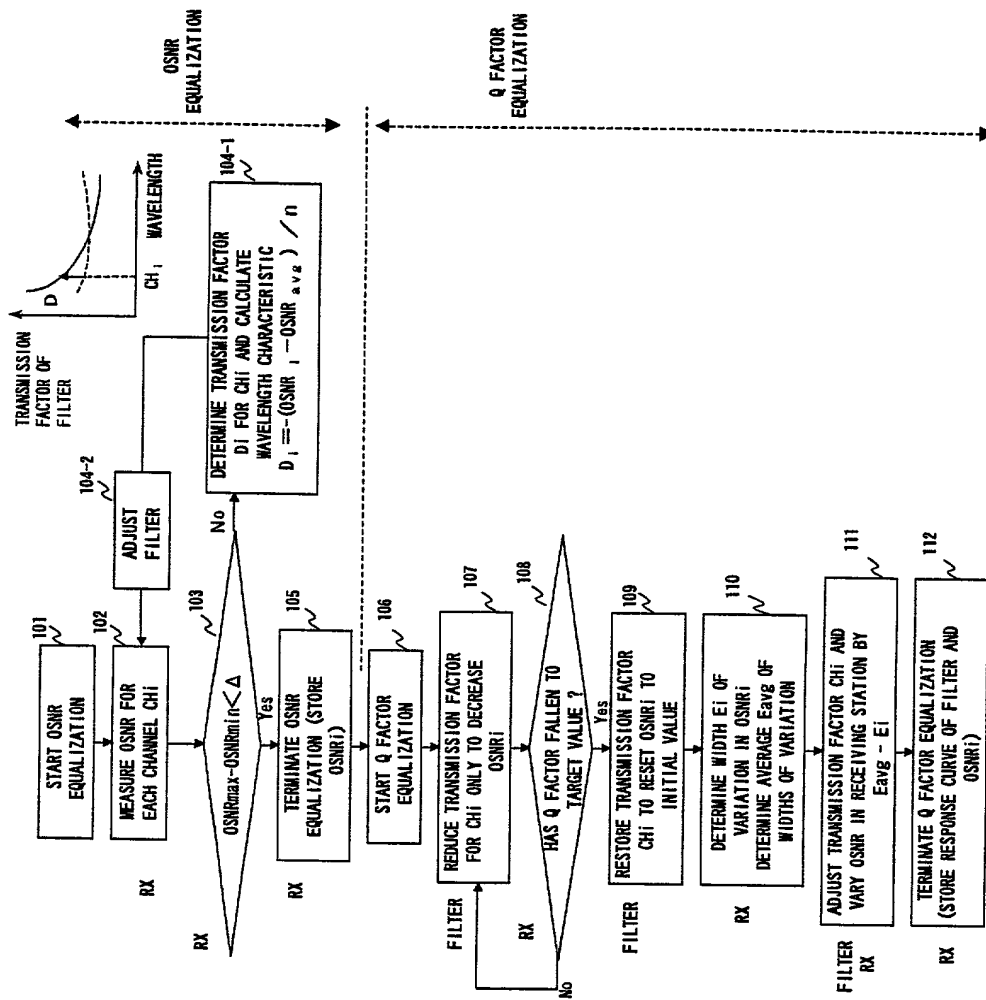


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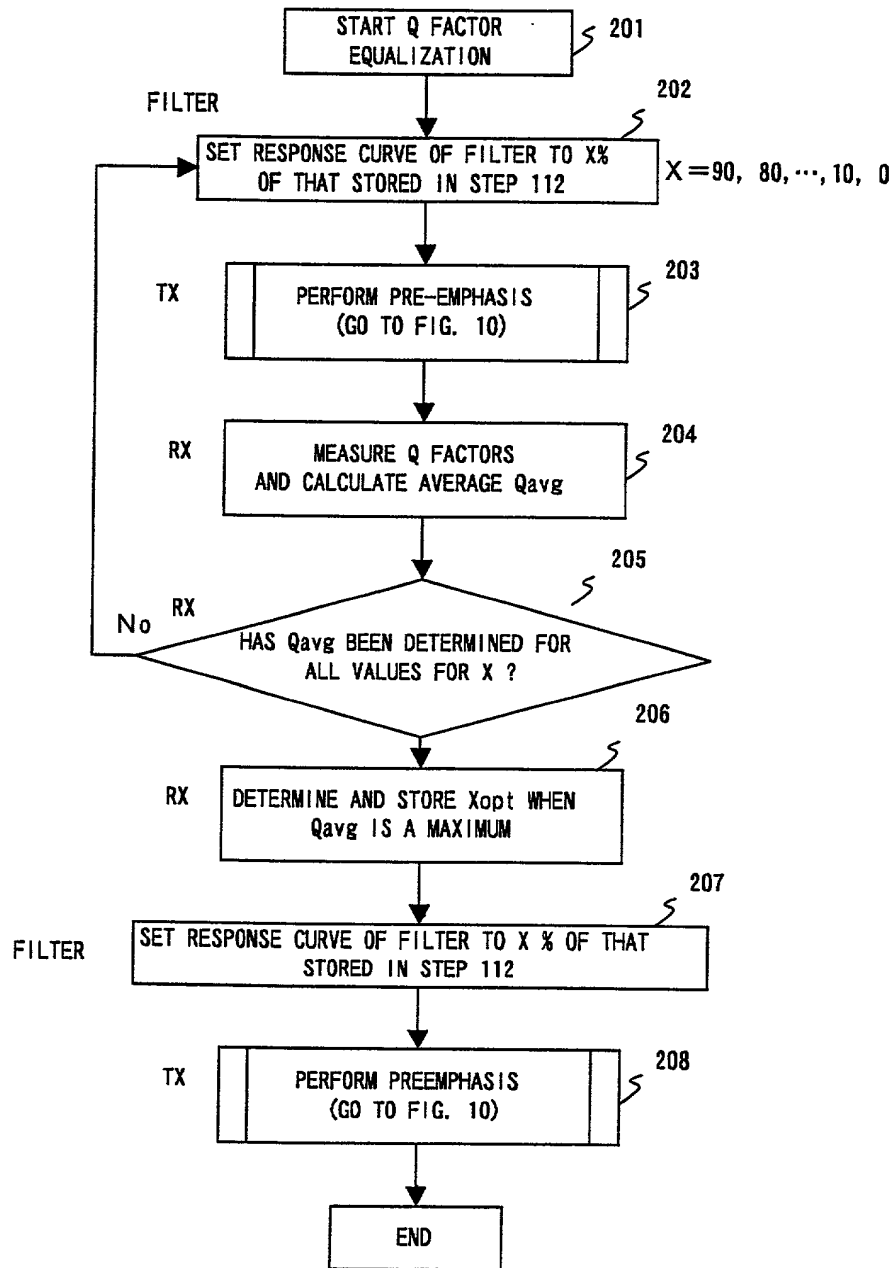


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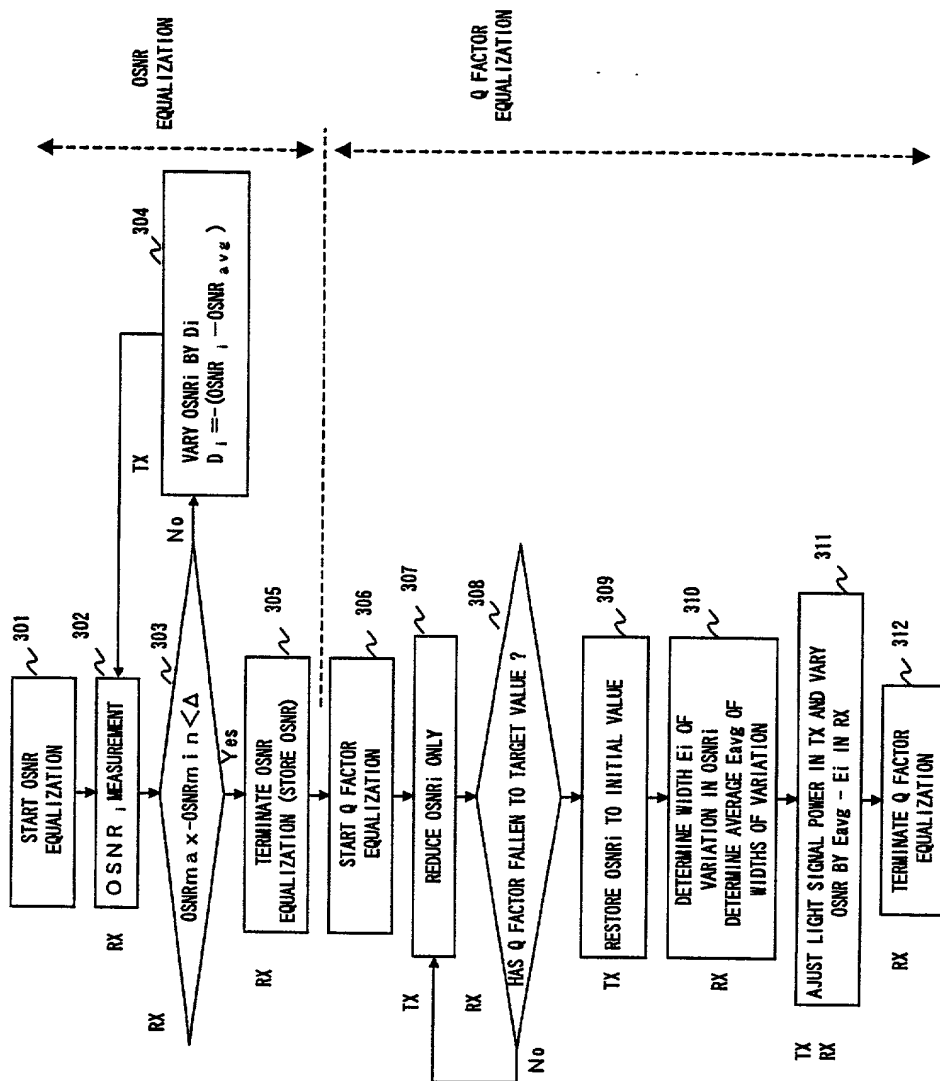


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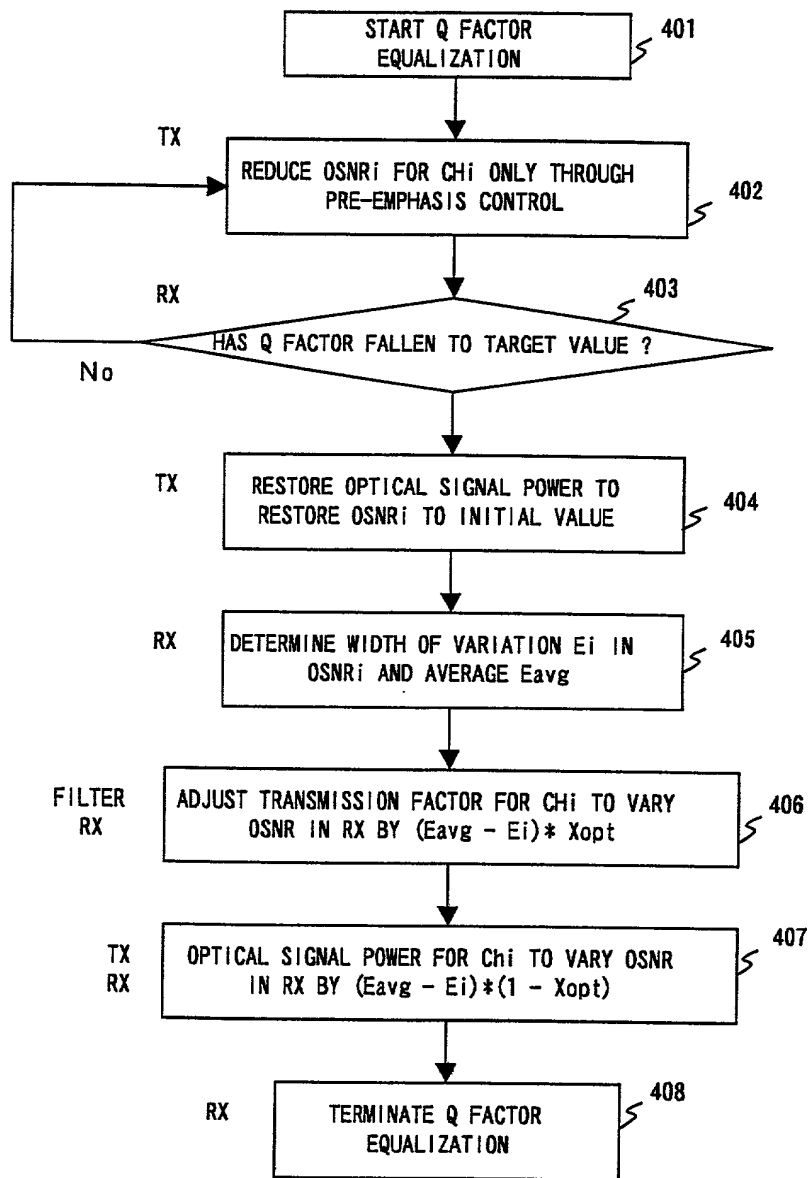


FIG. 11

The diagram shows two vertical bars representing the width of variation in OSNR for two channels, CH 1 and CH 2. The left bar (CH 1) is labeled "WIDTH OF VARIATION IN OSNR E1" and "OSNR WHEN Q FACTOR = TARGET VALUE B1". The right bar (CH 2) is labeled "E2" and "B2". A horizontal dotted line is shown to the right of the bars. Below the bars, two shaded triangular regions represent noise, with arrows pointing to them from the label "NOISE". The channels are labeled "CH 1" and "CH 2" at the bottom.

FIG. 12

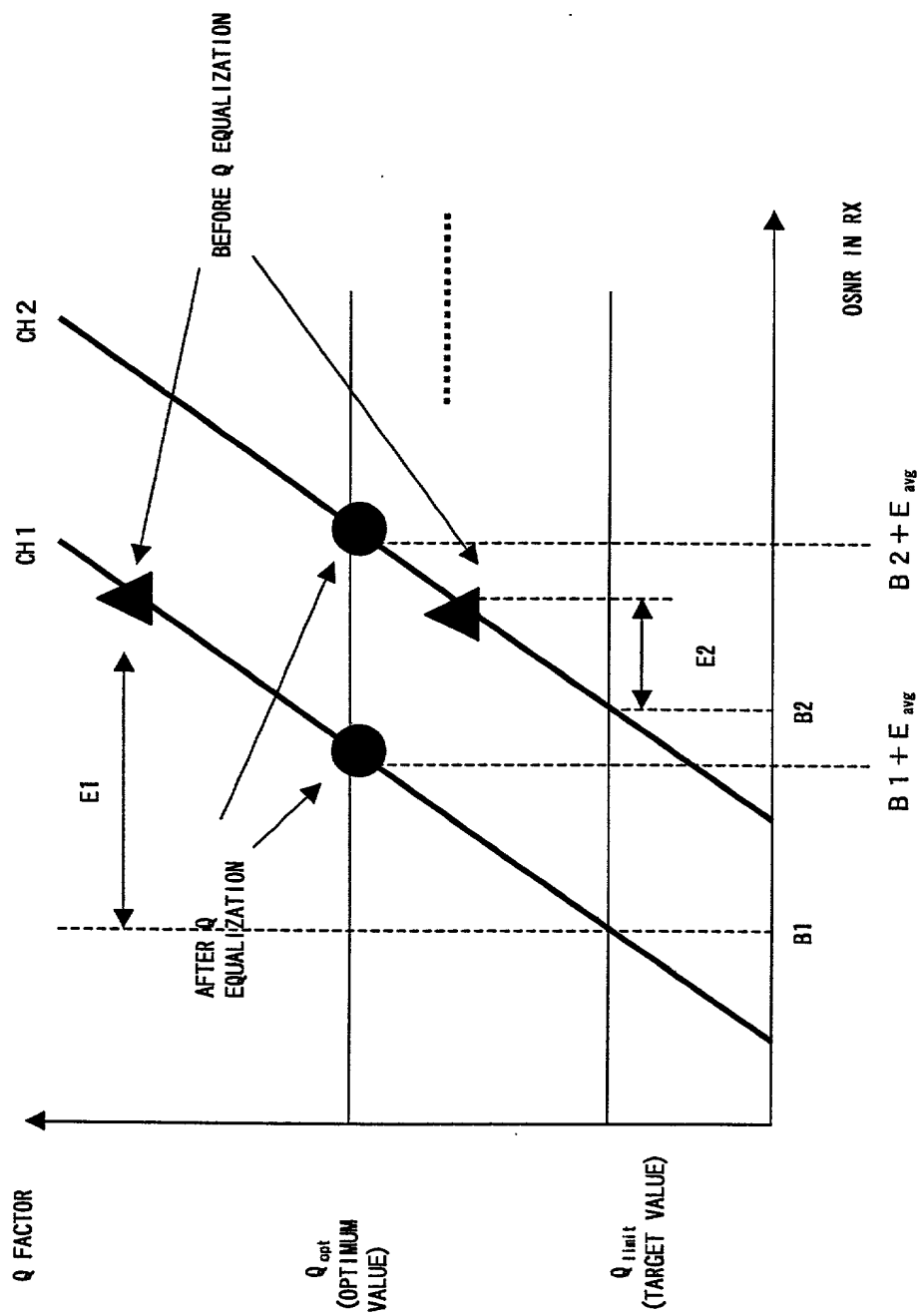


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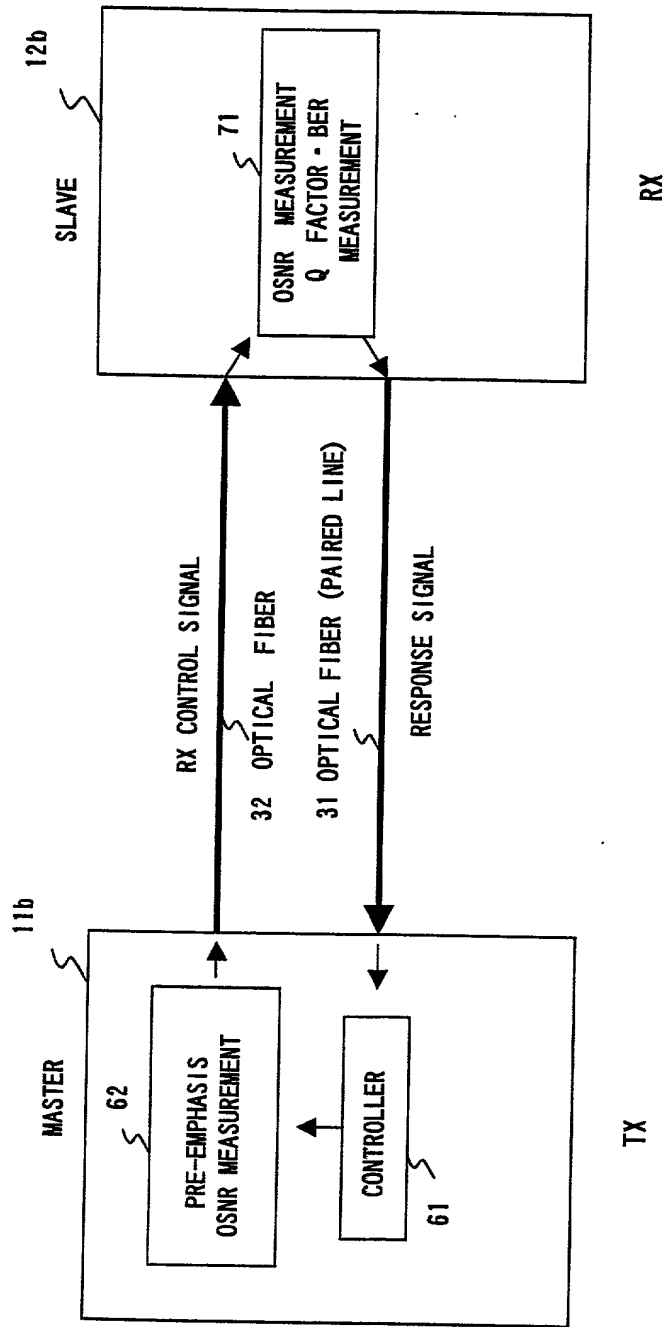


FIG. 14

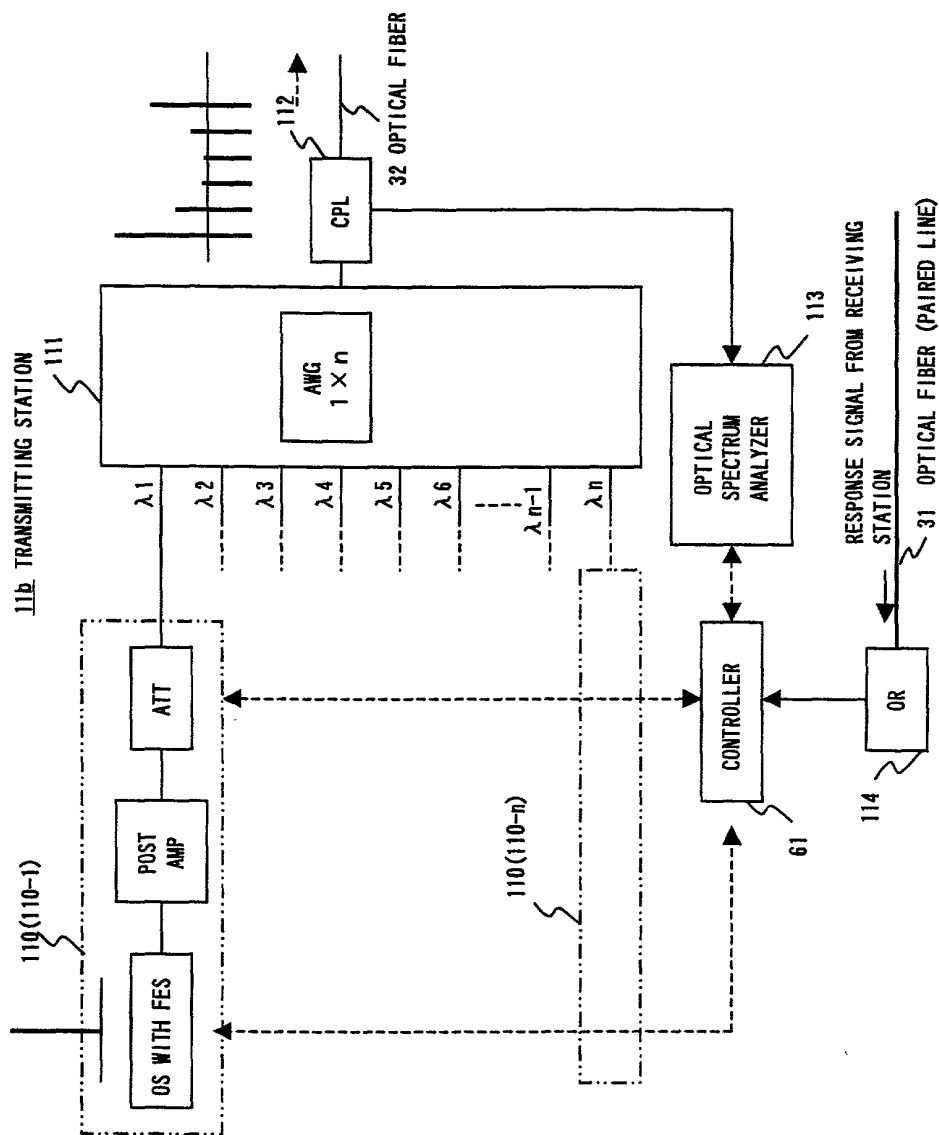


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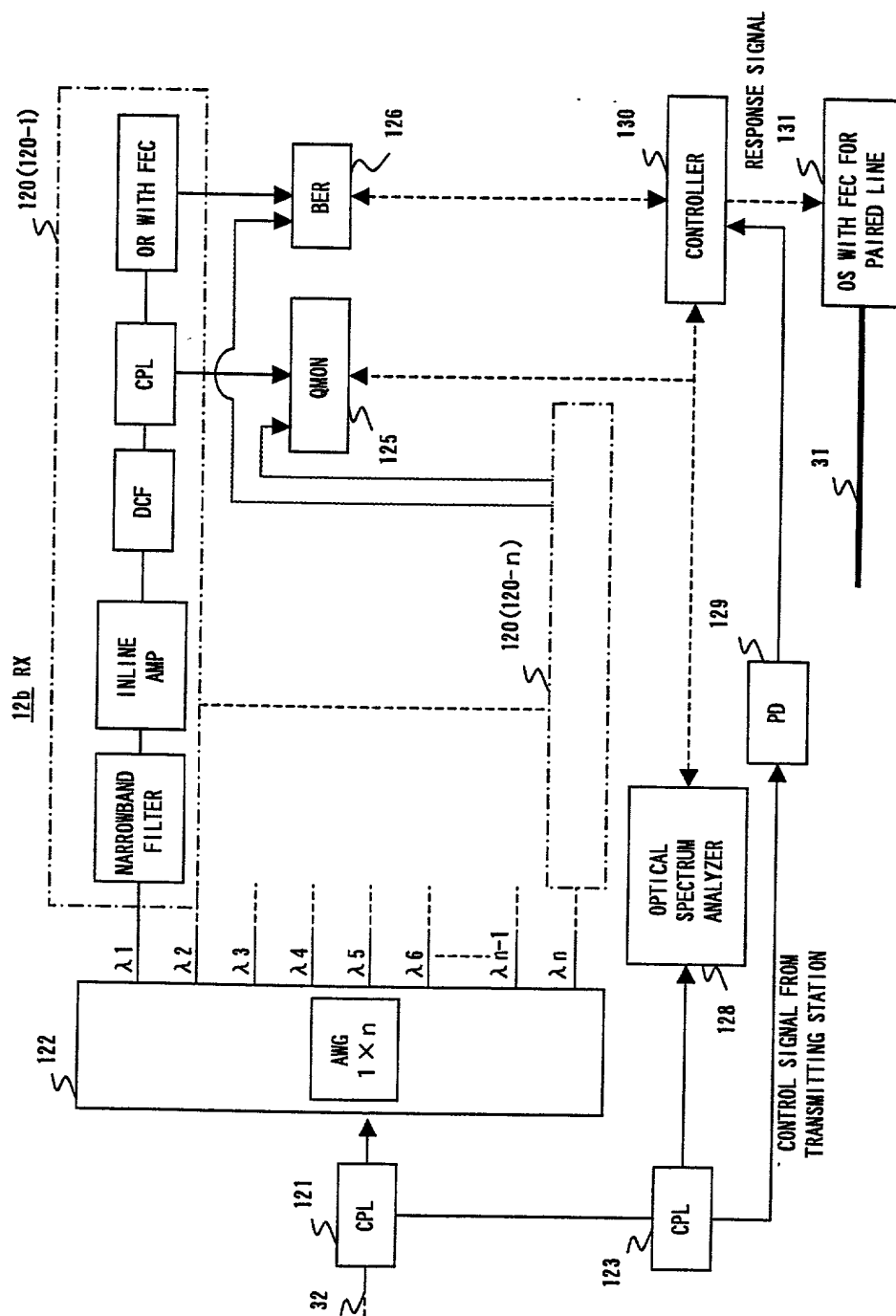


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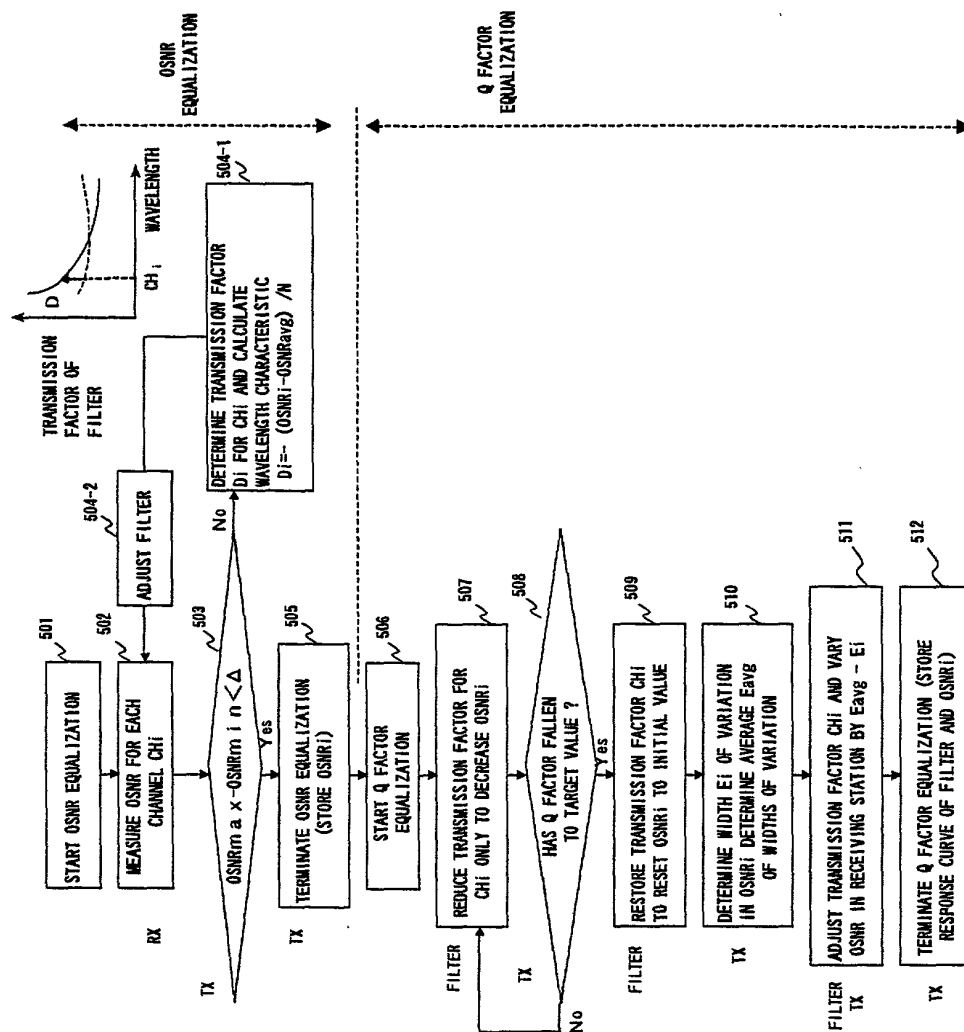


FIG. 18

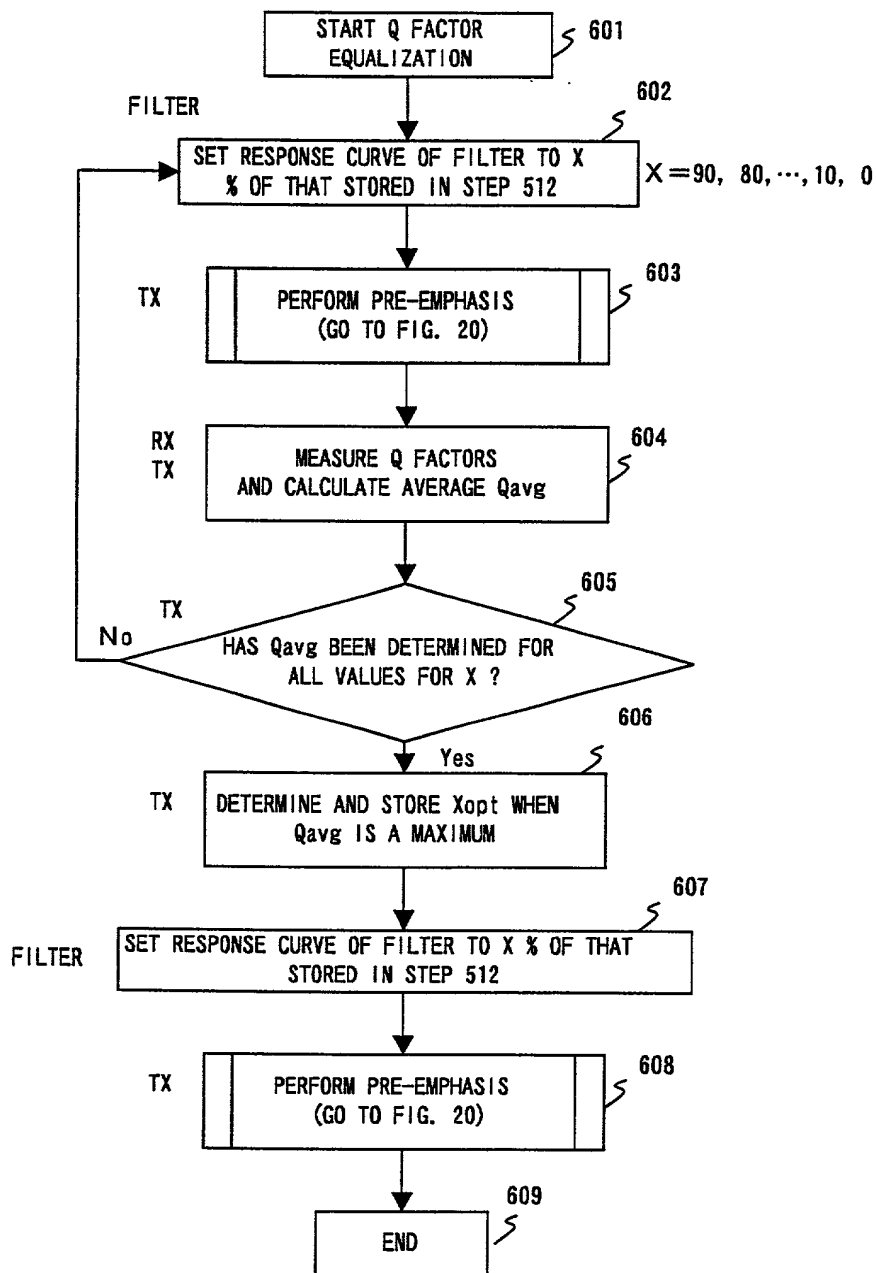


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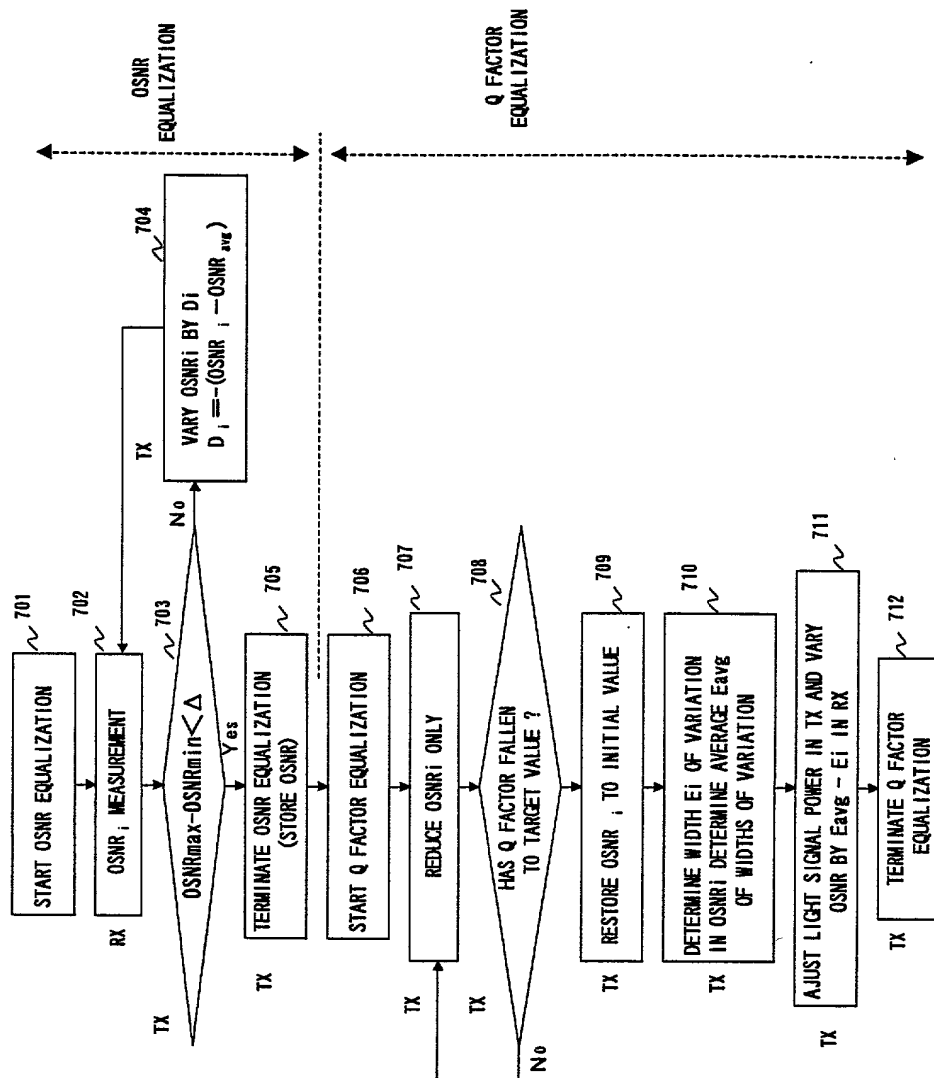


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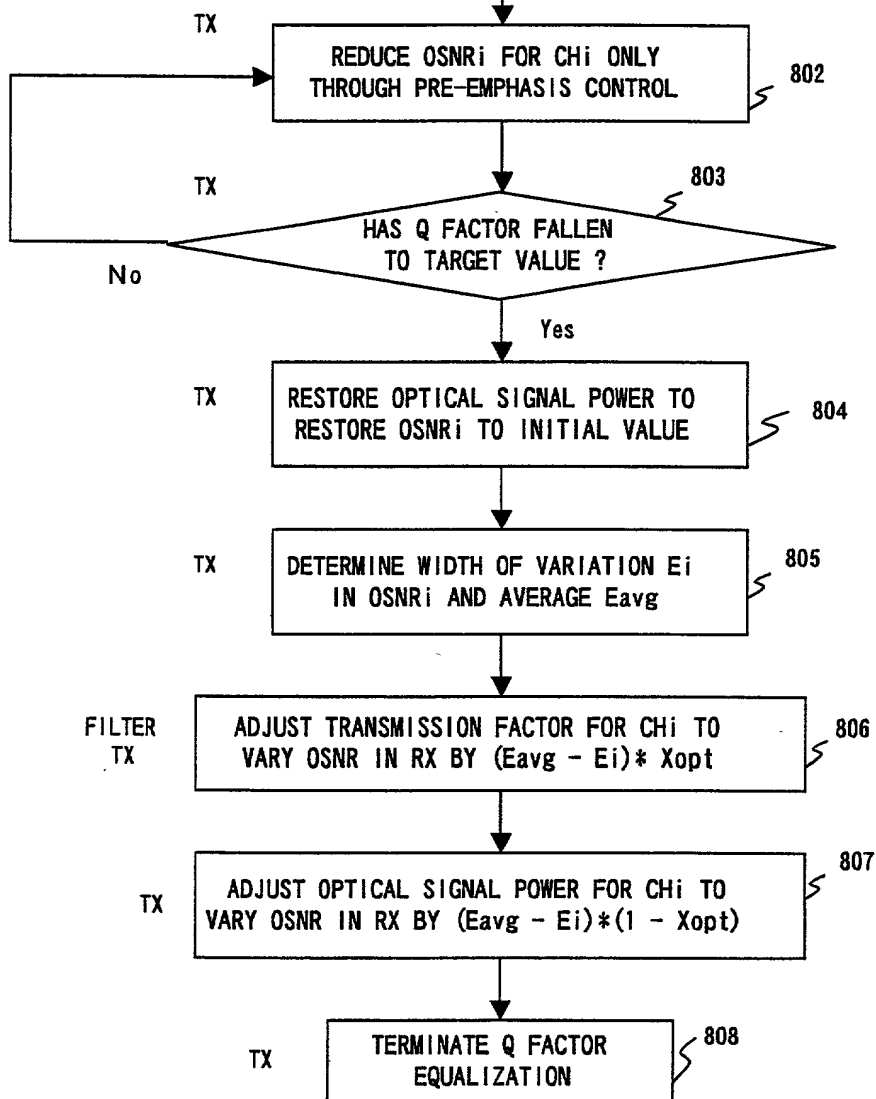


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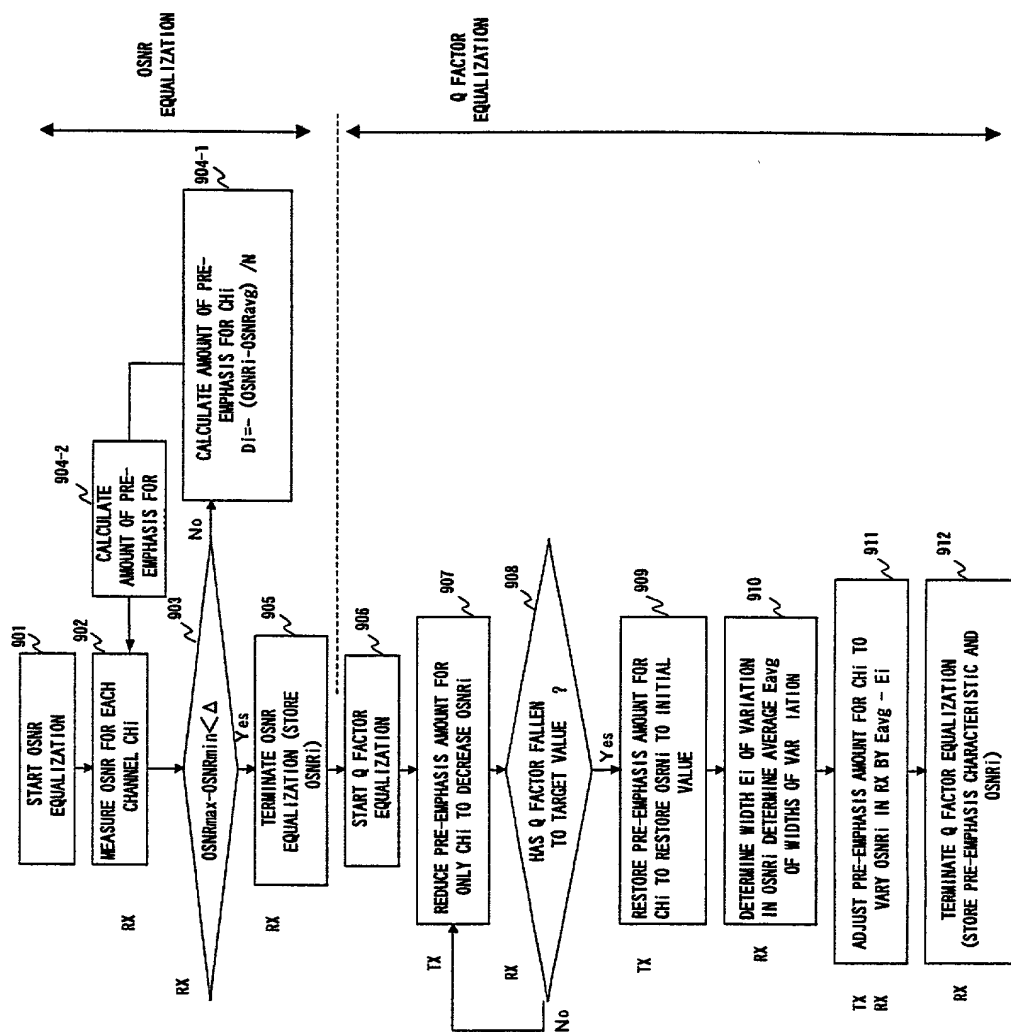


FIG. 22

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    1001[START Q FACTOR EQUALIZATION] --> 1002[SET RESPONSE CURVE OF FILTER TO X % OF THAT IN STEP 112]
    1002 --> 1003[ADJUST FILTER GO TO FIG. 24]
    1003 --> 1004[MEASURE Q FACTORS AND CALCULATE AVERAGE Qavg]
    1004 --> 1005{HAS Qavg BEEN DETERMINED FOR ALL VALUES FOR X ?}
    1005 -- No --> 1002
    1005 -- Yes --> 1006[DETERMINE AND STORE Xopt WHEN Qavg IS A MAXIMUM]
    1006 --> 1007[SET RESPONSE CURVE OF FILTER TO X % OF THAT IN STEP 112]
    1007 --> 1008[PERFORM PRE-EMPHASIS GO TO FIG. 10]
    1008 --> 1009[END]
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Flowchart illustrating the Q factor equalization process (FIG. 10):

- 1001: START Q FACTOR EQUALIZATION
- 1002: SET RESPONSE CURVE OF FILTER TO X % OF THAT IN STEP 112 (TX)
- 1003: ADJUST FILTER (GO TO FIG. 24) (TX)
- 1004: MEASURE Q FACTORS AND CALCULATE AVERAGE Q_{avg} (RX)
- 1005: Decision: HAS Q_{avg} BEEN DETERMINED FOR ALL VALUES FOR X ? (RX)
 - If No: Loop back to 1002.
 - If Yes: Proceed to 1006.
- 1006: DETERMINE AND STORE X_{opt} WHEN Q_{avg} IS A MAXIMUM (RX)
- 1007: SET RESPONSE CURVE OF FILTER TO X % OF THAT IN STEP 112 (TX)
- 1008: PERFORM PRE-EMPHASIS (GO TO FIG. 10) (TX)
- 1009: END

FIG. 23

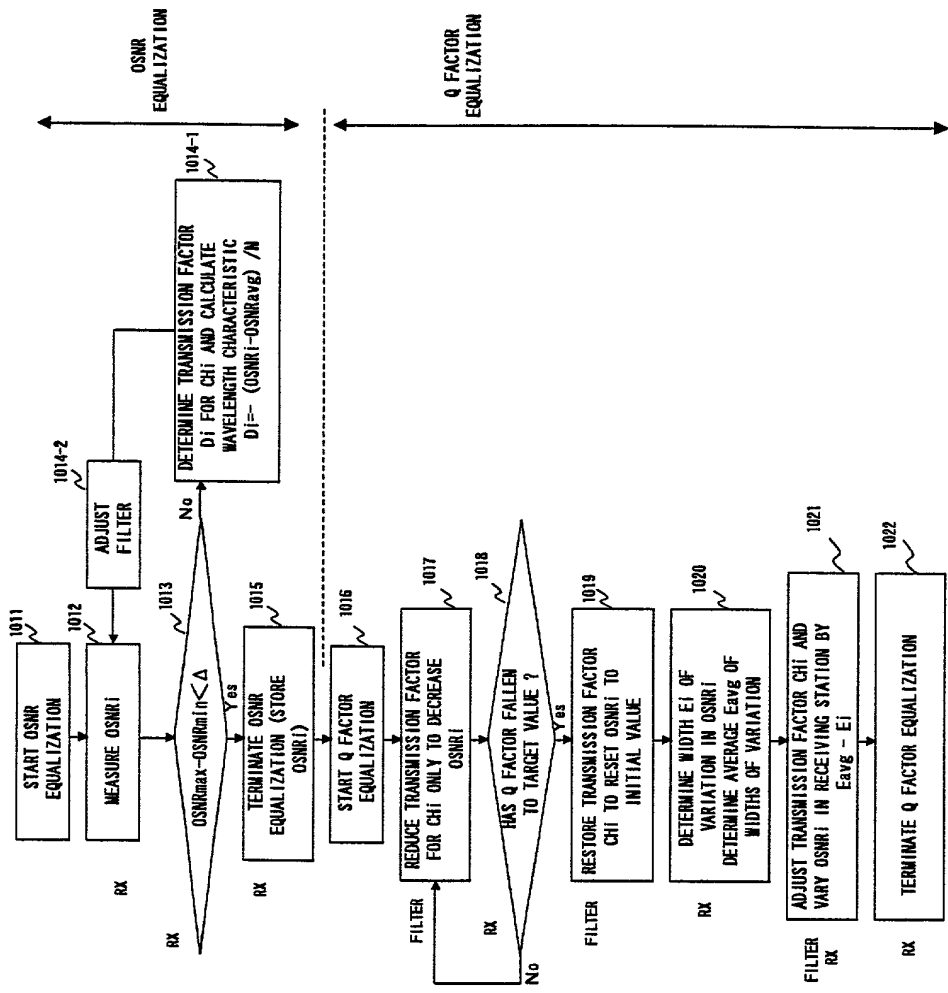


FIG. 24

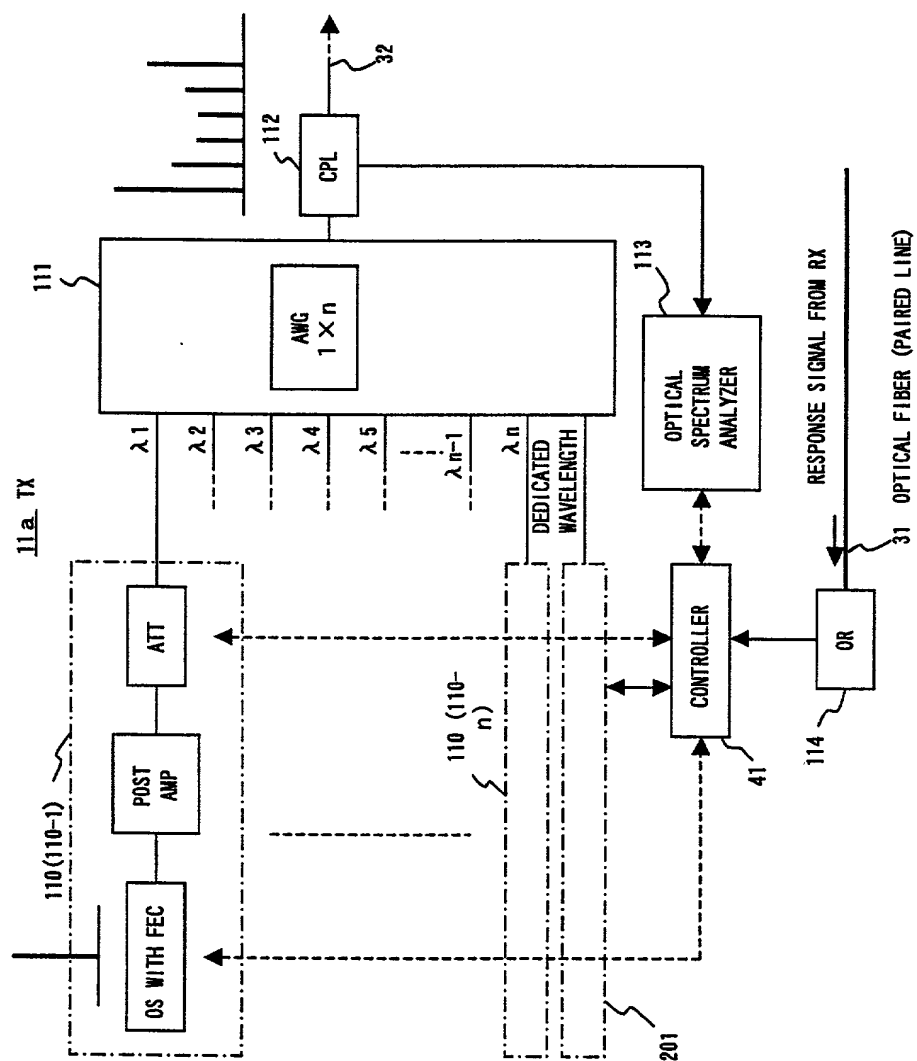


FIG. 25

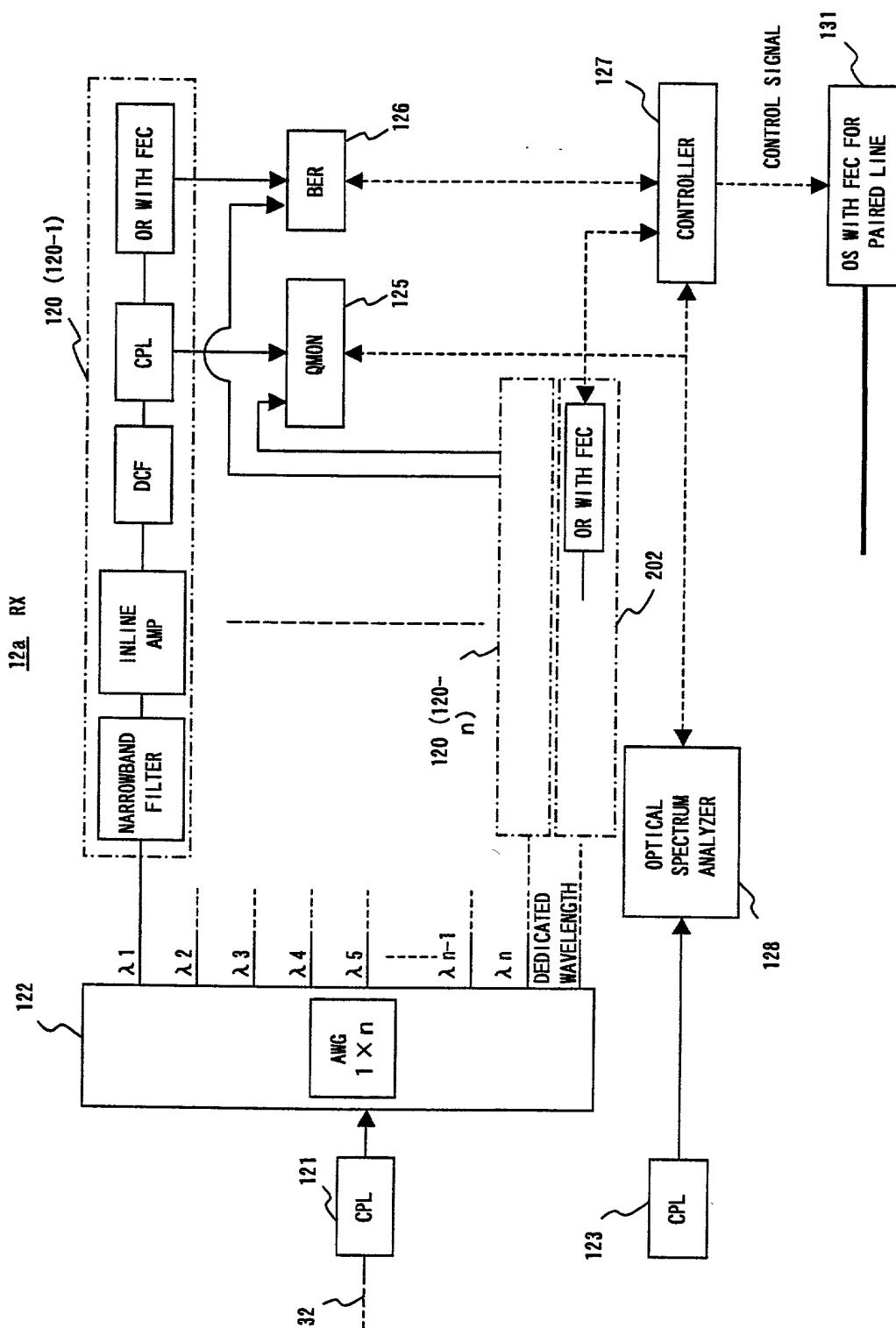


FIG. 26